

Expedited Hearings and Emergency Motions

A movant may seek an expedited hearing on a motion involving a true emergency (an “emergency motion”) such that if the hearing is not held, the movant will likely suffer irreparable harm. A movant may also seek an expedited hearing on a motion that does not, strictly speaking, involve an emergency but for which there is nonetheless a very sound reason for speeding up the process of resolving the motion. The Court ordinarily will not grant a motion for an expedited hearing on a motion to sell property or other motion for substantive relief that the movant was dilatory in filing.

A motion for an expedited hearing should be filed separately from the motion seeking substantive relief and should allege facts showing why the Movant needs to have the motion considered sooner than it would otherwise be considered under applicable procedural rules. The Court will not grant a motion for an expedited hearing on a substantive motion that has not yet been filed.

After filing both the motion for an expedited hearing and the substantive motion, counsel should contact Joy Jackson, Courtroom Deputy Clerk, at 404-215-1013 to let her know that the motions have been filed, when you would like to have it heard and how much time will be required. Counsel should serve the proper parties in the most expeditious manner possible. The notice of hearing and a certificate of service must be filed prior to or at the hearing.